



Dr. Ralston B. Gober

January 27, 1938 - July 10, 2025

Dr. Ralston B. Gober was born to Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Gober at the old P&S Hospital here in Corsicana, on January 27, 1938. He passed away on July 10, 2025. His father was employed by George Baum at the Big Four Shoe store. In 1942, the family moved to Palestine, then in 1950, they moved to Lufkin to open another shoe store.

Ralston graduated from Lufkin High School in 1956 and enrolled in Stephen F. Austin. There he met Linda Sue Smith and they were married in the Chapel at First Baptist, Nacogdoches, in 1959. In 1960, they moved to Arlington where Ralston attended Arlington State, which is now UT Arlington. Upon graduation, he was accepted to Baylor College of Dentistry. He became a member of the Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity. Ralston loved shoes; he worked in the shoe department of Volk Brothers' shoe department part time while in dental school.

Ralston graduated from dental school just six weeks after the birth of their son, John, in May, 1965. Ralston's parents had moved back to Corsicana in 1963. They became aware that Corsicana needed another dentist, so Ralston and his young family moved here in July of 1965. He opened his office on the 8th floor of the old State National Bank. Dr. Ezell was retiring, so he referred his patients to Ralston. In 1970, Dr. James Price, Dr. Charles Brown, and Ralston built their clinic at 1115 West 2nd. Dr. Gober continued to practice

there until 2009.

Dr. Gober taught a Sunday School Class at First Baptist, where he also operated the sound system. He served on the Boy Scout Council, He served on the City Council and was elected Mayor in 1979. He loved his hobby, Ham Radio; he got in license, W5ZNN, when he was only 14, and he loved to tell you all about talking to more than 200 countries. He was the chairman for the Navarro Republican Party for several years.

Ralston loved to travel. He made several trips to Europe with Bob and Kathryn Corley, and Ed and Barbara Erwin; also an Alaskan Cruise with Thomas and Nancy Moore, and a Rhine River Cruise with Jon Ed and Donna Ingham. But, his favorite place of all was to visit Washington, D.C.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, married for almost 66 years. . His sister is Jean Cook and her husband, Bill, of Ft. Worth. A nephew Billy Cook and his wife Tracie of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Jerry Smith, of Tulsa is his brother-in law, and Janyce Brannon, of Plano, is his sister-in-law.

He is survived by his son, Dr. John Gober, and his wife, Misty, of Colleyville. Their son is Blake Gober, and his wife, Courtney, of Colleyville. They are expecting a baby girl in September.

He is survived by his daughter, Ellen, and her husband, Jeff Walter, of Alexandria. Virginia. Their son, Jack, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and their daughter, Lila, of New York City.

He is survived by his daughter, Lila, and her husband, Senator Mark Peake, of Lynchburg, Virginia. Their three sons are Mark, jr. of Raleigh, North Carolina, John Ralston, of South Hampton, Virginia, Anderson, of Lynchburg, Va., Lillian of Lynchburg, Va., and Lauren Peake, of New York City.

If you choose to make a memorial in memory of him, please give to Food for Fitness, at First Methodist Church, 320 North 15 St. Corsicana, Texas, 75110. Ralston delivered Food for Fitness for over 15 years.

Thank you so much for joining us today. Ralston was such a big part of our lives and our community. We will be telling and retelling "Ralston Stories" for years to come.

Visitation with the family will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 10:00am with Dr. Danny Reeves officiating. Thank you for coming and helping us honor the life of Dr. Ralston B. Gober. A private family burial will follow after the service.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
510 West Collin
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ralston B. Gober



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 13, 2025 at 12:03 PM

RD

“ Dr. Gober was my dentist as a child. My parents, Andy and Naomi and I also attended First Baptist Church. He wrote a letter of recommendation for me when I went to Dental School in 1975. I'm now nearing retirement from practice in Fort Worth. Dr. Gober was a mentor to me and instrumental in my early life and professional career. He was a good man. Ray Dean Snider DDS

Ray D Snider DDS - July 16, 2025 at 09:09 PM

PK

“ Prayers for all the family. Just remembering him as a great dentist

Pat kelly - July 14, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Ralston B. Gober.



July 12, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Ralston B. Gober.

July 12, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ With love, Scott and Landon Holden purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dr. Ralston B. Gober.



With love, Scott and Landon Holden - July 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM



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With love, Scott and Landon Holden - July 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Ralston B. Gober.



July 12, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JE

“ *Dr. Gober, was the most wonderful man, and dentist, you could find. He was so good, to me and my family. Sorry, for his family’s loss. Our prayers are we you all at this time.*



Johnny & Nell Easley - July 11, 2025 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Ralston Gober*



Cordelia Albritton - July 11, 2025 at 06:17 PM